

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 6, 7 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend Claims 1 and 14 to 16 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic board apparatus for transmitting data representing a handwritten image written on a predetermined board to an external computer, comprising:

first determining means for determining whether or not said external computer can receive said data;

storage means for storing said data;

display means for displaying said handwritten image; and

second determining means for determining whether or not said data is stored in said storage means, when said first determining means determines said external computer can receive said data,

wherein if said first determining means determines that said external computer cannot receive said data, said data is stored into said storage means,

wherein said display means displays said handwritten image based on said data stored in said storage means, when said data is stored in said storage means, and

wherein if the second said first determining means determines that said external computer can receive said data, said data stored into said storage means and data representing a handwritten image written on the predetermined board at that time are transmitted to said external computer.

2. (Previously Presented) The electronic board apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if said first determining means determines that said external computer can receive said data, said data is not stored into said storage means but transmitted to said external computer.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The electronic board apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said handwritten image includes at least one of a character, a figure and a table.

5. (Original) The electronic board apparatus according to claim 1, wherein data representing said handwritten image is data of coordinate information of said handwritten image.

6 to 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The electronic board apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a display device to display said handwritten image based on said data is connectable to said apparatus.

9. (Original) The electronic board apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising data transfer control means for controlling timing of transmission of data to said external computer.

10. (Previously Presented) The electronic board apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said data, to which page break or index information is added, is stored.

11. (Original) The electronic board apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said data storage means is a removable memory card.

12. (Original) The electronic board apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said electronic board apparatus is provided at one end of said board.

13. (Original) The electronic board apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said electronic board apparatus is removable from said board.

14. (Currently Amended) An electronic board apparatus comprising:  
data generation means for generating data representing a handwritten image written on a predetermined board;  
transmitting means for transmitting said data to an external computer;  
first determining means for determining whether or not said external computer can receive said data;  
storage means for storing said data[[,]]; display means for displaying said handwritten image; and  
second determining means for determining whether or not said data is stored in said storage means, when said first determining means determines said external computer can receive said data,

wherein if said first determining means determines that said external computer cannot receive said data, said data is stored into said storage means, wherein said display means displays said handwritten image based on said data stored in said storage means, when said data is stored in said storage means, and wherein if the second said first determining means determines that said external computer can receive said data, said transmitting means transmits said data stored into said storage means and data representing a handwritten image written on the predetermined board at that time to said external computer.

15. (Currently Amended) The electronic board apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising[[:] ]

~~display means for displaying said handwritten image based on said data, and~~  
selection means for selecting one of a first mode and a second mode,  
wherein in said first mode, said display means displays said handwritten image based on said data from said data generation means,  
and wherein in said second mode, said display means displays said handwritten image based on said data stored in said storage means.

16. (Currently Amended) A data processing method for an electronic board apparatus for transmitting data representing a handwritten image written on a predetermined board to an external computer, comprising the steps of:

a first determining step of determining whether or not said external computer can receive said data;

a storing step of storing said data into storage means provided in the electronic board apparatus, if said first determining means step determines that said external computer cannot receive said data;

a displaying step of displaying said handwritten image on a display provided on said electronic board apparatus; and

a second determining step of determining whether or not said data is stored in the storage means, when said first determining step determines said external computer can receive said data,

wherein said displaying step displays said handwritten image on the display based on said data stored in said storage means, when said data is stored in said storage means, and

wherein if the second said first determining step determines that said external computer can receive said data, said data stored into said storage means and data representing a handwritten image written on the predetermined board at that time are transmitted to said external computer.

17. (Cancelled).